



STOCKPILE SAFETY



BEST PRACTICES

- 1. Provide training to every person that works on or near surge piles to alert them of the associated dangers and to the stipulations in the safety program.
- 2. Indicate the location of feeder points with overhead markers or other suitable indicator systems.
- Establish a system of communication so that the equipment operators working on the surge pile are aware of plans to open or close feeders. Install all feeders with the ability to close fully and open fully the feeder gates.
- 4. Use machinery equipped with high-strength glass. Provide the window glass with structural support to prevent it from being pushed into the cab by outside pressure.
- Never push coal into an active feeder until a cone begins to form on the surface of the surge pile and always push perpendicular to the cone.
- 6. If a cone does not form above an active feeder, take corrective action to eliminate the void.
- 7. Store Self-Contained Self-Rescuers and a flashlight inside the cabs of bulldozers used on surge piles.